

State of Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services

**SAFETY PLAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
RESPONSIBLE ADULT CAREGIVERS AND SAFETY PLAN PARTICIPANTS**

As a responsible adult caregiver and safety plan participant, you have the right to:

- A signed copy of the safety plan which clearly explains what is expected of all parties;
- Receive contact information for the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) and investigator/caseworker;
- Refuse to participate in the safety plan;
- Know the estimated length of time the safety plan will be in place as safety plans are intended to be temporary, short term efforts to ensure the safety of the child;
- Ask for modifications of the safety plan;
- Know who the child's primary care physician is and how to access medical care for the child;
- Know who is responsible for coordinating the child's daycare and school attendance; and
- Know what type of contact is allowed between the child and the parents/guardians and where that contact may occur; and
- Identify and recommend individuals who may provide care for your child and/or participate as a safety plan monitor/supervisor.

As a responsible adult caregiver and safety plan participant, you have the responsibility to:

- Notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the investigator/caseworker if you can no longer provide care for the child;
- Notify the investigator/caseworker of any violations of the safety plan;
- Understand the safety plan is a short-term care plan and not a permanent change in custody of the child;
- Understand the parent(s)/guardian(s) retain legal rights to their child;
- Implement the safety plan to ensure the safety of the child so long as the parent(s)/guardian(s) remain in agreement with the safety plan;
- Understand the parent(s)/guardian(s) have to provide consent for all medical care of the child and have the right to be informed of the child's medical needs;
- Ensure the child is available to participate in contact with the parent(s)/guardian(s) as outlined in the safety plan; and
- Immediately relinquish the child to the physical care of the parent(s)/guardian(s) whenever the parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or DCFS decide to terminate the safety plan.